

**FINAL MONITORING REPORT  
YEAR 5 of 5**

**Hockett Dairy Site  
Riparian Buffer Restoration  
DMS Contract Number 003993 – DMS Site 95013  
DWR Project Number 2016-0402**

**Randolph County, North Carolina  
Cape Fear River Basin  
HUC 03030003010070**



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## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / PROJECT ABSTRACT

### 1.1 Project Goals and Objectives

The Hockett Dairy Buffer Mitigation Project is located in the 03030003 Catalog Unit (CU), in the Cape Fear River Basin. Assets of this CU include the Deep River, the Randleman Reservoir, and major communities including High Point, Asheboro, Siler City, and Sanford. Restoration goals for CU 03030003 as identified in the 2009 Cape Fear River Basin RBRP include protection of several species of mussel and the Cape Fear Shiner (*Notropis mekistocholas*). Additional goals include the improvement in water quality to waters draining to Randleman Reservoir.

The Hockett Dairy Buffer Mitigation Project was identified as an opportunity to improve water quality and habitat within the CU. The project goals address stressors identified in the CU. The following table lists the project goals and the project objectives through which the goals will be addressed:

Goals	Objectives
1. Nutrient removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restore minimum 50-foot riparian buffer by planting appropriate bottomland hardwood species to filter runoff.</li><li>• Convert active farm fields to forested buffers.</li><li>• Plant buffer vegetation to shade channel.</li><li>• Restore riparian buffer habitat to appropriate bottomland hardwood ecosystem.</li><li>• Restore canopy tree species in the stream buffer areas to shade channel.</li><li>• Eliminate and control exotic invasive species.</li><li>• Replace two undersized and failing channel crossings with appropriately sized culverts or ford.</li><li>• Stabilize two small dams on small farm ponds.</li></ul>
2. Sediment removal	
3. Runoff filtration	
4. Increase dissolved oxygen concentration	
5. Restore riparian habitats	
6. Reduce water temperature	

### 1.2 Project Background

The Hockett Dairy Riparian Buffer Mitigation Site is located on Hockett Dairy Road (SR 1938) in Randolph County approximately 12 miles north of Asheboro, NC (**Figure 1**). The site is located in the Cape Fear River Basin within Cataloging Unit 03030003010070 (NCDWQ sub-basin 03-06-08). The site has five unnamed tributaries (UT) that drain into Randleman Lake. The project consists of 11.82 acres of buffer restoration.

The Hockett Dairy Buffer site is located in the Piedmont Physiographic Province and in the Carolina Slate Belt. The region is underlain by felsic metavolcanic rocks, which can be seen in the streambed of UT 2 and UT 3. The topography of the project area is generally rolling with elevations ranging from 670 to 760 feet. The five unnamed tributaries to Randleman Lake comprise the principle drainage features. These tributaries have limited hardwood trees present within the buffer and lack significant ground cover. The mature trees are less than 100 stems per acres. The project's watershed is primarily used for agricultural production. Much of the surrounding land use is currently dairy cows and calves or row crop production for dairy silage. Cattle had direct access to streams channels and ponds and are a source of ongoing erosion along the banks and within the adjacent buffer. Cattle are excluded from some channels with fencing on or near the top of bank, resulting in a degraded riparian buffer. The project area has been in agricultural use for several decades.

The Hockett Dairy mitigation project provides high quality riparian buffer restoration. Stream buffer mitigation for the Hockett Dairy Site involved buffering five streams that flow directly and indirectly into

Randleman Lake. The mitigation design divides the site into five distinct reaches (**Figure 2**). Buffer restoration was performed along five channels. Two undersized and failing channel crossings were replaced with appropriately sized culverts to prevent erosion. Two small dams on small farm ponds have been stabilized.

### 1.3 Vegetation Condition

The measure of vegetative success for the site is the survival of at least 320 five-year old planted trees per acre at the end of year five of the monitoring period. During October 2017, CVS Level 2 was performed in Year 5 to document any volunteer generation. A total of 25 volunteers were observed across all 12 vegetation plots. Year 5 monitoring recorded an average of 573 planted stems per acre and 658 total stems per acre (planted and volunteers) across all vegetation plots. All plots achieved success criteria in Year 5 except for Plot 7 which only had three planted stems. Plot 7 is located in a low stem density area about 0.07 acres in size (**Figure 2a**). The low stem density area is below the CCPV mapping threshold and less than 1% of the project area. Aside from this area the site is exceeding performance standards. Overall the site is recommended for close out. MY5 conditions are shown on the Current Condition Plan View which is provided in **Appendix B, Figure 2**.

### 1.4 Summary Information / Data

Summary information/data related to the occurrence of items such as beaver or encroachment and statistics related to performance of various project and monitoring elements can be found in the tables and figures in the report appendices. Narrative background and supporting information formerly found in these reports can be found in the Baseline Monitoring Report (formerly Mitigation Plan) and in the Mitigation Plan (formerly the Restoration Plan) documents available on DMS’s website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices is available from DMS upon request.

## 2.0 METHODOLOGY

In order to determine if the success criteria are achieved and the planted areas are developing toward the target community, NCDMS-CVS Protocol for Recording Vegetation Version 4.2 will be utilized. The vegetation monitoring will include Level I and Level II plots distributed across the planted area. An interim vegetation monitoring will occur in spring after leaf-out has occurred. The CVS monitoring will be conducted toward the end of the growing season. Individual plot data will be provided to NCDMS and CVS following NCDMS-CVS guidance. The annual monitoring requirements are summarized in the following table:

Required	Parameter	Quantity	Frequency	Notes
X	Vegetation	12 Plots Located randomly across the project area	Annual	Vegetation will be monitored using the Carolina Vegetation Survey (CVS) protocols
X	Exotic and nuisance vegetation	N/A	Semi-Annual	Exotic vegetation will be evaluated and spot treatment applied as needed
X	Project boundary	N/A	Semi-annual	Locations of fence damage, vegetation damage, boundary encroachments, etc. will be mapped

Photographs will be used to visually document restoration success. Reference photos will be taken once a year and will be used to visually document restoration success. Reference photo stations are marked with wooden stakes. Reference stations will be photographed immediately following planting and continued

annually for at least five years following construction. Photographers will make every effort to maintain the same area in each photo over time. Photographs will be used to subjectively evaluate vegetation establishment. A series of photos over time should indicate successional maturation of riparian vegetation.

### 3.0 REFERENCES

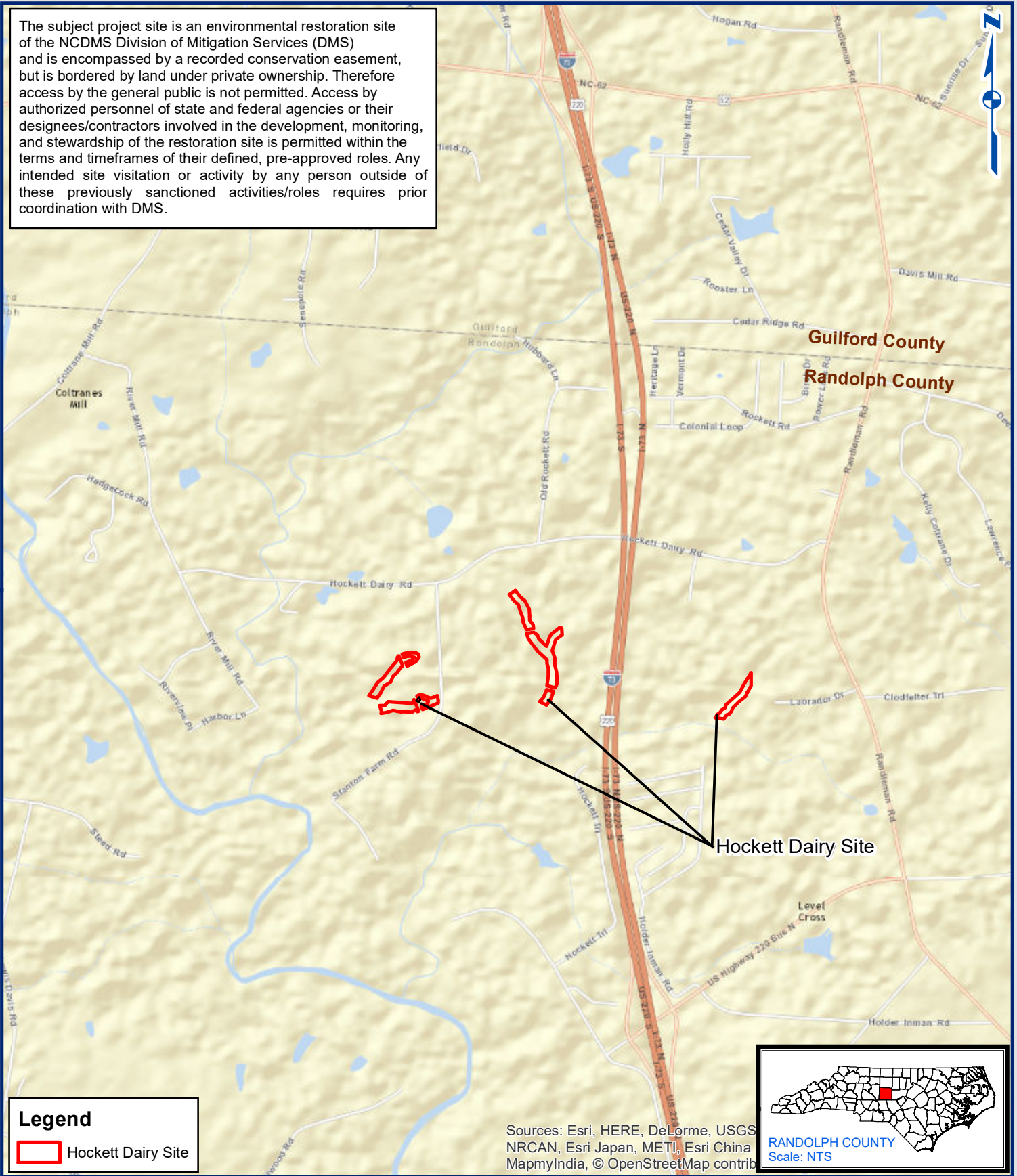
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## **Appendix A**

### Project Vicinity Map and Background Tables



The subject project site is an environmental restoration site of the NCDMS Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) and is encompassed by a recorded conservation easement, but is bordered by land under private ownership. Therefore access by the general public is not permitted. Access by authorized personnel of state and federal agencies or their designees/contractors involved in the development, monitoring, and stewardship of the restoration site is permitted within the terms and timeframes of their defined, pre-approved roles. Any intended site visitation or activity by any person outside of these previously sanctioned activities/roles requires prior coordination with DMS.



**Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map**  
 Hockett Dairy Riparian Buffer Restoration Site  
 Randolph County, North Carolina  
 DMS Project ID# 003993

0 1,000 2,000 4,000  
 Feet  
 1 inch = 2,000 feet



<b>Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation Credits</b> <b>Hockett Dairy, Randolph County</b> <b>DMS Project ID Number 003993 DMSS Site 95013</b>									
<b>Mitigation Credits</b>									
	Stream		Riparian Wetland		Non-riparian Wetland		Buffer	Nitrogen Nutrient Offset	Phosphorous Nutrient Offset
Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Restoration	N/A	N/A
Totals*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	514,879 sq ft.	N/A	N/A

<b>Project Components</b>						
Reach ID	Stationing/ Location	Existing Footage (LF)	Approach (PI, PII, etc.)	Restoration -or- Restoration Equivalent	Restoration Area (sq ft)	Mitigation Ratio
Reach UT2	N/A	733	N/A	Buffer Restoration	74,923	1:1
Reach UT3	N/A	817	N/A	Buffer Restoration	80,586	1:1
Reach UT4	N/A	1884	N/A	Buffer Restoration	201,247	1:1
Reach UT5	N/A	466	N/A	Buffer Restoration	38,768	1:1
Reach UT6	N/A	797	N/A	Buffer Restoration	80,150	1:1
Pond 2	N/A	378*	N/A	Buffer Restoration	22,651	1:1
Pond 3	N/A	338*	N/A	Buffer Restoration	16,553	1:1
Total					514,879	

\*perimeter

<b>Component Summation</b>						
Restoration Level	Stream (linear feet)	Riparian Wetland		Non-Riparian Wetland (acres)	Buffer (square feet)	Upland (acres)
		Riverine	Non-Riverine			
Restoration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	514,879	N/A

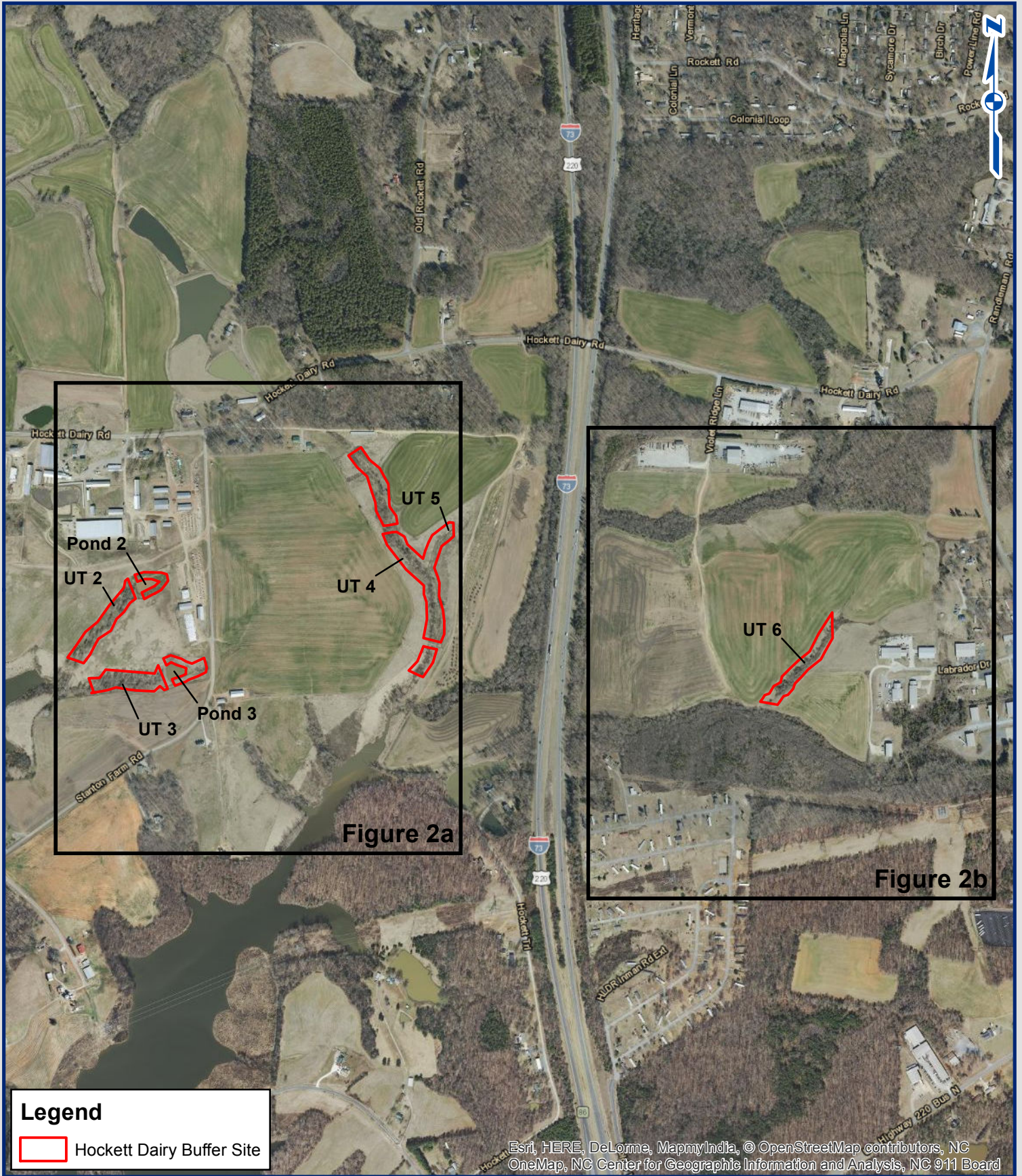
<b>Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History</b> <b>Hockett Dairy, Randolph County</b> <b>DMS Project ID Number 003993 DMS Site 95013</b>		
Elapsed time since planting complete: 4 year, 11 months		
Number of reporting years: 5		
<b>Activity or Report</b>	<b>Data Collection Complete</b>	<b>Completion or Delivery</b>
Mitigation Plan	January 2012	May 2012
Final Design - Construction Plans	N/A	May 2012
Construction	N/A	October 2012
Temporary S&E mix applied to project area	N/A	June 2012
Permanent seed mix applied to project area	N/A	June 2012
Containerized and B&B plantings planted in project area	N/A	February 2013
Baseline Monitoring Document (Year 0 Monitoring - baseline)	February 2013	March 2013
Year 1 Monitoring	October 2013	October 2013
Year 2 Monitoring	September 2014	September 2014
Year 3 Monitoring	January 2016	February 2016
Year 4 Supplemental Replanting	N/A	April 2016
Year 4 Monitoring	December 2016	January 2017
Year 5 Monitoring	October 2017	January 2018

<b>Table 3. Project Contact Table Hockett Dairy, Randolph County DMS Project ID Number 003993 DMS Site 95013</b>	
<b>Designer</b>	WK Dickson & Co., Inc.
Primary project design POC	Frasier Mullen - (919) 782-0495
<b>Construction Contractor</b>	KBS Earthworks
Construction contractor POC	Kory Strader - (336) 362-0289
<b>Planting Contractor</b>	Strader Fencing
Planting contractor POC	Kenneth Strader - (336) 697-7005
<b>Seeding Contractor</b>	Strader Fencing
Planting contractor POC	Kenneth Strader - (336) 697-7005
Seed Mix Sources	Evergreen Seed, Inc
Nursery Stock Suppliers	ArborGen
<b>Monitoring Performers</b>	Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC
Vegetation Monitoring POC	Brian Hockett - (919)-209-1054
<b>Table 4. Project Baseline Information and Attributes Hockett Dairy, Randolph County DMS Project ID Number 003993 DMS Site 95013</b>	
<b>Project Information</b>	
Project Name	Hockett Dairy Buffer Mitigation Site
County	Randolph
Project Area (acres)	12.99
Project Coordinates (latitude and longitude)	35° 53' 55.219" N, 79° 49' 37.381"W
<b>Project Watershed Summary Information</b>	
Physiographic Province	Piedmont Physiographic Province
River Basin	Cape Fear River Basin
USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit	03030003
USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit	03030003010070
DWQ Sub-basin	03-06-08
Project Drainage Area (acres)	Reach UT2 19.4 acres Reach UT3 31.2 acres Reach UT4 76.3 acres Reach UT5 9.1 acres Reach UT6 34.4 acres
Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area	0.6%
CGIA Land Use Classification	2.5 Residential 144.3 Cropland and Pasture 12.6 Other Agricultural Land 19.1 Passively Managed Forest Stands

<b>Table 4 (cont.). Project Baseline Information and Attributes</b>					
<b>Hockett Dairy, Randolph County</b>					
<b>DMS Project ID Number 003993 DMS Site 95013</b>					
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Reach UT2</b>	<b>Reach UT3</b>	<b>Reach UT4</b>	<b>Reach UT5</b>	<b>Reach UT6</b>
Length of reach (linear feet)	733	817	1884	466	797
Valley Classification	X	X	X	X	X
Drainage area (acres)	19.4	31.2	76.3	9.1	34.4
NCDWQ stream identification score	29	27.5	19-25.5	21	13
NCDWQ Water Quality Classification	WS-IV;CA	WS-IV;CA	WS-IV;CA	WS-IV;CA	WS-IV;CA
Morphological Description (stream type)	E	E	G	G	G
Evolutionary trend	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
Underlying mapped soils	Wynott-Enon complex WvC2	Mecklenburg CL MeC2,	Mecklenburg CL MeC2, Wynott-Enon complex WvC2	Mecklenburg CL MeC2	Wynott-Enon complex WvC2
Drainage class	well	well	well	well	well
Soil Hydric status	Non-hydric	Non-hydric	Non-hydric	Non-hydric	Non-hydric
Slope (ft/ft)	0.0004	0.03%	0.02%	0.04%	0.02%
FEMA classification	Zone AE	Zone AE	Zone AE	Zone AE	Zone AE
Native vegetation community	Pasture	Pasture	Pasture	Pasture	Pasture
Percent composition of exotic invasive vegetation	0.1	10%	15%	5%	20%
<b>Regulatory Considerations</b>					
<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Supporting Documentation</b>		
Waters of the United States - Section 404	Yes	Yes	see Mitigation Plan		
Waters of the United States - Section 401	Yes	Yes	see Mitigation Plan		
Endangered Species Act	Yes	Yes	see Mitigation Plan		
Historic Preservation Act	Yes	Yes	see Mitigation Plan		
Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)/Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)	No	N/A	N/A		
FEMA Floodplain Compliance	No	N/A	N/A		
Essential Fisheries Habitat	No	N/A	N/A		

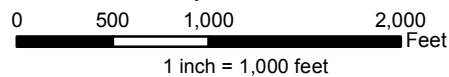
## **Appendix B**

### Visual Assessment Data

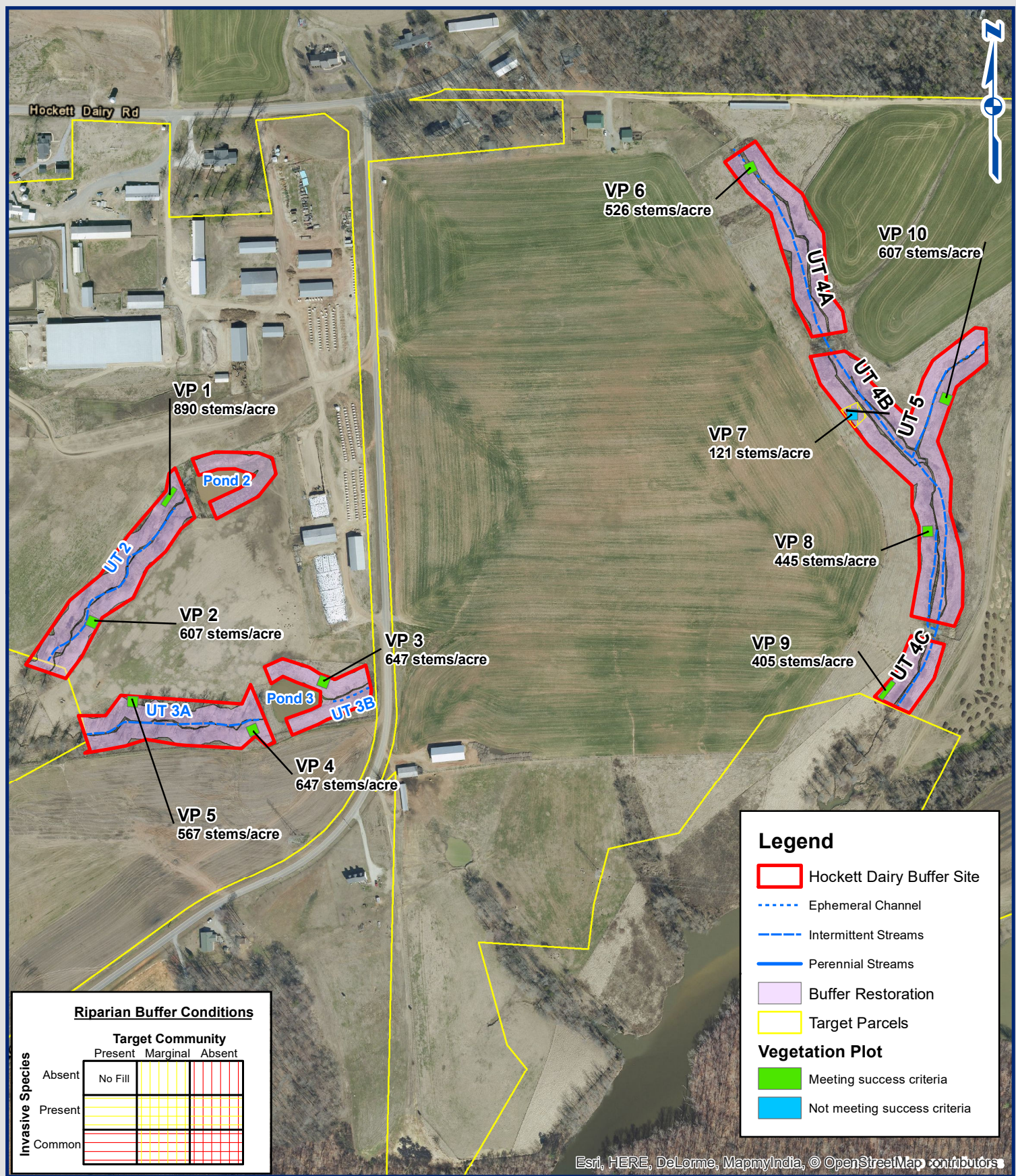


**Figure 2-KEY. Current Condition Plan View**  
 Hockett Dairy Riparian Buffer Restoration Site

Randolph County, North Carolina  
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Date: January 2017



**Figure 2a. Current Condition Plan View**  
 Hockett Dairy Riparian Buffer Restoration Site

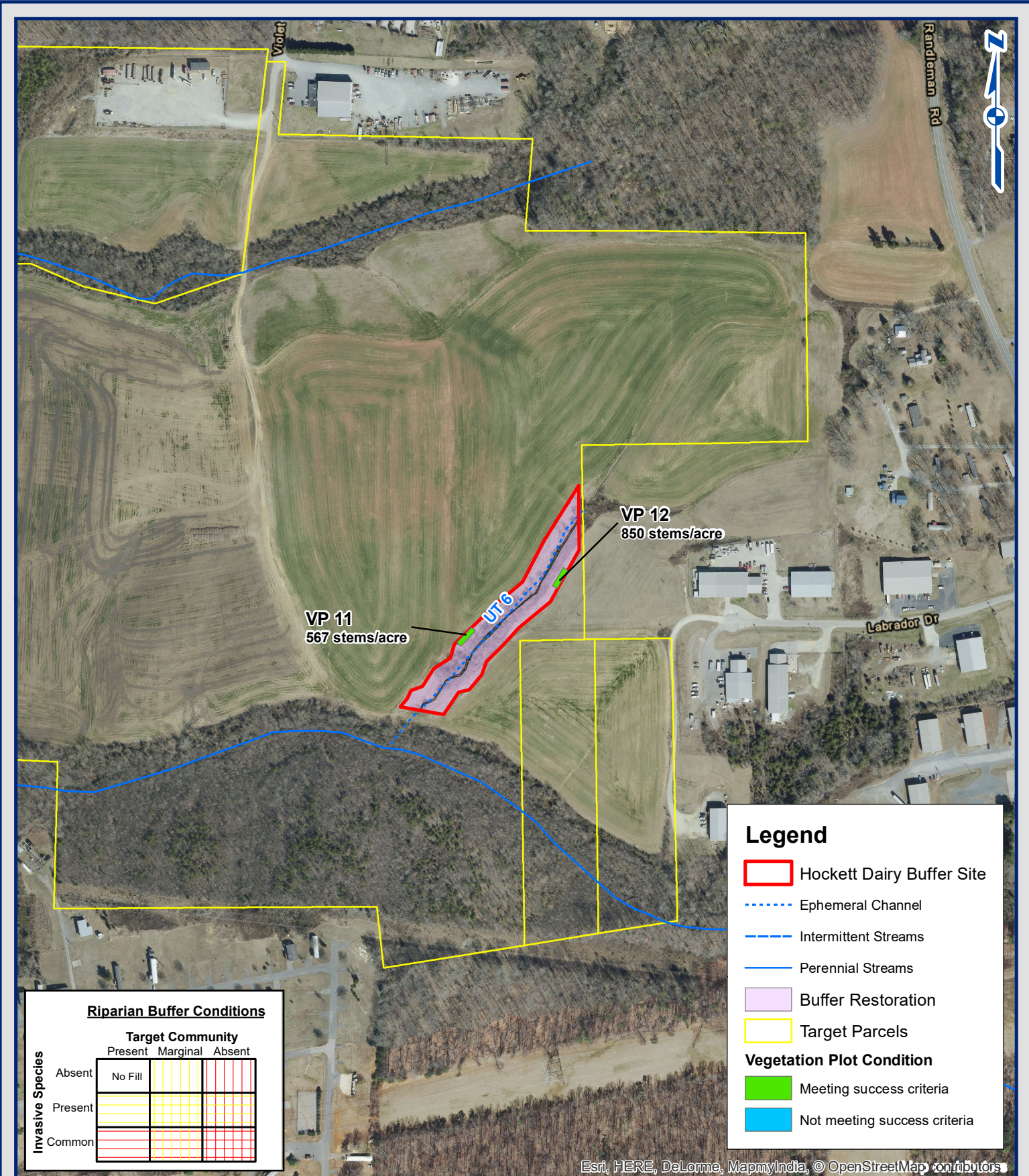
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0 200 400 800 Feet

1 inch = 400 feet

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**Riparian Buffer Conditions**

Invasive Species	Target Community		
	Present	Marginal	Absent
Absent	No Fill		
Present			
Common			

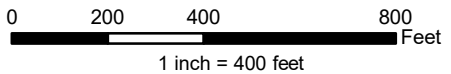
**Legend**

- Hockett Dairy Buffer Site
- Ephemeral Channel
- Intermittent Streams
- Perennial Streams
- Buffer Restoration
- Target Parcels

**Vegetation Plot Condition**

- Meeting success criteria
- Not meeting success criteria

**Figure 2b. Current Condition Plan View**  
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Date: October 2017

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**Table 5. Vegetation Condition Assessment  
Hockett Dairy, Randolph County  
DMS Project ID Number 003993 DMS Site 95013**

<b>Planted Acreage:</b>	<b>12.99</b>					
<b>Vegetation Category</b>	<b>Definitions</b>	<b>Mapping Threshold</b>	<b>CCPV Depiction</b>	<b>Number of Polygons</b>	<b>Combined Acreage</b>	<b>% of Planted Acreage</b>
1. Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbacious material.	0.1 acres	N/A	0	0.00	0%
2. Low Stem Density Areas	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on MY3, 4, or 5 stem count criteria.*	0.1 acres	vertical yellow line fill	0	0	0%
<b>Total:</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
3. Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vigor	Areas with woody stems of a size that are obviously small given the monitoring year.	0.25 acres	N/A	0	0.00	0%
<b>*Cumulative Total:</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Easement Acreage:</b>	<b>12.99</b>					
<b>Vegetation Category</b>	<b>Definitions</b>	<b>Mapping Threshold</b>	<b>CCPV Depiction</b>	<b>Number of Polygons</b>	<b>Combined Acreage</b>	<b>% of Planted Acreage</b>
4. Invasive Areas of Concern	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale)	1000 SF	horizontal yellow line fill	0	0.00	0%
5. Easement Encroachment Areas	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale)	none	N/A	0	0	0%

**Vegetation Plot Photos**



**Vegetation Plot 1**



**Vegetation Plot 2**



**Vegetation Plot 3**



**Vegetation Plot 4**



**Vegetation Plot 5**



**Vegetation Plot 6**



**Vegetation Plot 7**



**Vegetation Plot 8**



**Vegetation Plot 9**



**Vegetation Plot 10**



**Vegetation Plot 11**



**Vegetation Plot 12**

## **Appendix C**

### Vegetation Plot Data

<b>Table 6. Riparian Buffer Vegetation Totals Hockett Dairy, Randolph County DMS Project ID Number 003993 DMS Site 95013</b>					
<b>Plot #</b>	<b>Riparian Buffer Stems Per Acre</b>	<b>Volunteers per Acre</b>	<b>Total Stems per Acre</b>	<b>Success Criteria Met?</b>	<b>Average Tree Height (cm)*</b>
<b>1</b>	890	162	1052	Yes	509
<b>2</b>	607	202	809	Yes	369
<b>3</b>	647	40	688	Yes	393
<b>4</b>	647	81	728	Yes	378
<b>5</b>	567	324	890	Yes	888
<b>6</b>	526	0	526	Yes	272
<b>7</b>	121	0	121	No	294
<b>8</b>	445	0	445	Yes	781
<b>9</b>	405	0	405	Yes	322
<b>10</b>	607	0	607	Yes	539
<b>11</b>	567	40	607	Yes	317
<b>12</b>	850	162	1012	Yes	173
<b>Project Avg</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>436</b>

\* The tallest eight trees were averaged, representing 320 stems/acre.

